

House Resolution No. 2603

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure and genuine admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors to acknowledge a milestone event in the history of one of the Show-Me State's most acclaimed locally-produced television shows, Pepper & Friends; and

Whereas, broadcast by KOMU-TV8 since 1982, Pepper & Friends will air its 5000th episode on Friday, May 7, 2004; and

Whereas, Paul Pepper serves as host and namesake of the Pepper & Friends show which is mid-Missouri's only locally-produced Community Service Program viewed each day of the regular work week, Monday through Friday; and

Whereas, Pepper & Friends has featured a wide range of important guests down through the years, including medical experts, craft experts, local cooks, school choirs and bands, community theater groups, and people associated with such prominent local institutions as church bazaars; and

Whereas, Paul Pepper began his career at KOMU-TV8 on September 15, 1969, as a booth announcer before becoming a weathercaster and then the host of Pepper & Friends; and

Whereas, Pepper & Friends co-host is James "Uncle James" Mouser who began his KOMU-TV8 career on August 1, 1983; and

Whereas, Paul Pepper hosted the MDA Jerry Lewis Telethon for more than twenty-five years, an endeavor which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for muscular dystrophy research; and

Whereas, Paul Pepper also has been a longtime champion of the Central Missouri Humane Society which recently named its lifetime achievement award in his honor:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant achievements garnered down through the years by the staff of Pepper & Friends and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon the occasion of the 5000th episode of Pepper & Friends on KOMU-TV8 and our sincerest best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Pepper & Friends.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeff Harris
District No. 23

Representative Chuck Graham
District No. 24

Representative Vicky Riback Wilson
District No. 25

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2603, adopted May 4, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker